

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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October 6, 1976

Honorable Roland E. Johnson Governor, Pueblo of Laguna P. O. Box 194 Laguna, New Mexico 87026

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed is a status report on combined Federal-State efforts to answer the environmental quality questions raised in Mr. Pacheco's letter of October 8, 1975.

On July 15, 1976, representatives of involved Federal and State agencies met with representatives of the Pueblo of Laguna in Santa Fe. The participants evaluated information available at that time and proposed additional work where they felt data and conditions warranted further study.

Presently available data indicate no critical problem, however, there are some indications of need for additional study.

With the exception of questions related to surface and subsurface water, we feel that we have either obtained sufficient data or have arranged to obtain sufficient data for an evaluation. Regarding surface and subsurface water, the 208 Areawide Waste Management Program is expected to furnish an evaluation of existing and potential problems. Although details of these studies are still in the process of development, we anticipate the studies will be underway at an early date and will result in appropriate action to solve present and future water quality problems.

Regarding blasting impacts on buildings, since preparation of the status report Sandia Laboratory has agreed to evaluate data already furnished by Anaconda.

I will furnish you further updates of significant accomplishments.

Sincerely yours,

John C. White

Regional Administrator

Enclosure